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Mr. Richard Lehman
Deputy DCI for National Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
McLean, Virginia

Dear Mr. Lehman:

Mr. William A. Searle has been in touch with me relating to his interest in national security work and a possible position as Executive Officer of the Alternative National Estimate of the Soviet Union. As you know, this study was recently requested by members of the PFIAB.

Mr. Searle currently is Foreign Affairs Officer, Military Affairs Bureau, and associated with work of the MAB Task Force on Soviet Affairs, the MAB Task Force on Defense Planning, etc.

I would hope that it would be convenient for you to accord Mr. Searle an interview for a discussion of his availability.

With kind regards, believe me

Yours sincerely,

Robert Murphy

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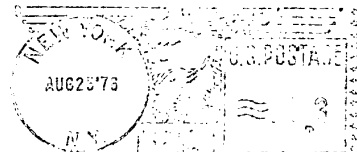
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy to the DCI for
National Intelligence

Bill -

I attach a proposed response for Mr. Lehman to make to a letter from Mr. Robert Murphy. I believe it can be held for Dick's return from leave, but I suggest that Mr. Bush, Mr. Knoche, and Admiral Murphy be made aware of the matter, to cover them just in case Mr. Murphy's interest in Bill Searle is raised with one of them in this or some other context. I accordingly have attached an information copy which you may want to use for that purpose.


NIO Coordinator,
Competitive Analysis

Date 2 September 1976

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